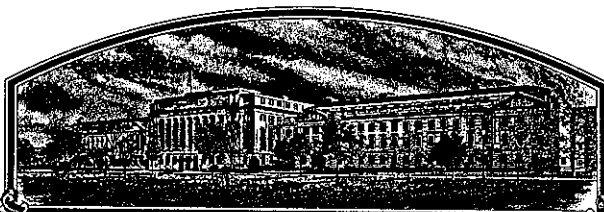


No.

8700129



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Northrup King Co.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (AT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'S53-34'



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the Plant
Variety Protection Office to be affixed
at the City of Washington, D. C.
this 11th day of March in
the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and eighty-eight.

Attest

Kenneth A. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Richard E. Lyng
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

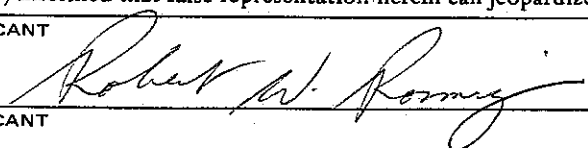
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION B011005		3. VARIETY NAME S53-34	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P.O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440		5. PHONE (Include area code) 612-593-7333		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY VPPO NUMBER 8700129	
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max		7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING DATE May 4, 1987 TIME 10:00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.	
8. KIND NAME Soybean		9. DATE OF DETERMINATION March, 1986		FEES RECEIVED AMOUNT FOR FILING \$ 1800.00 DATE May 4, 1987 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE \$ 200.00 DATE Feb. 17, 1988	
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation				12. DATE OF INCORPORATION 1986	
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware					
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Robert W. Romig Northrup King Co. P.O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440 PHONE (Include area code): 612-593-7305					
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)					
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.)					
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.					
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.					
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified		
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT 				DATE May 1, 1987	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT				DATE 1	

EXHIBIT A**Origin and Breeding History of Soybean S53-34**

The soybean variety S53-34 is derived from a cross Essex/Mack at the Texas A & M University. The progeny from this cross were increased and maintained at Texas A & M as bulk populations, without selection, from the F1 to F3 generations. We received an aliquot of F4 bulked seed, directly from the University, which we planted at our breeding station in Bolivar, Tennessee in the summer of 1978.

At harvest time, we selected single pods from a number of F4 plants in this bulk population. We then space planted a single F5 seed from each of these pods in our breeding nursery at Waimea, Hawaii in the winter of 1978-79. We again harvested single pods from a number of these F5 plants. We subsequently space planted a single F6 seed from each of these pods at Bolivar in 1979. We then harvested F7 seed from 50 selected F6 plants which we subsequently planted in individual F7 rows at Bolivar in 1980. We harvested seed from individual F7 rows in bulk to provide seed for comparative performance trials. Variety S53-34 is derived from our F7-row B011005 at Bolivar in 1980. We have maintained the variety subsequently by bulk increases.

We based our selection of S53-34 on the results of performance tests conducted at a number of locations during the period 1981-1984. In 1983, we selected 500 grams of F10 seed for uniformity to begin the formation of a seed supply for the variety. We rogued this F10 increase to enhance further the uniformity. We subsequently planted a portion of the F11 seed from this increase in 1984 which we again rogued to enhance uniformity. We then produced Breeder seed from this lot at Laurinburg, North Carolina in 1984.

We first produced Foundation seed of S53-34 in 1986. Various Foundation fields were inspected by the Arkansas and North Carolina Crop Improvement Associations and were found to meet the requirements for Foundation seed. Variety S53-34 was approved for eligibility for certification by The National Soybean Variety Review Board on December 11, 1986.

S53-34 is a stable and uniform soybean variety. We have observed no variants in four years of testing

and in four years of seed increase other than environmentally influenced variation normally encountered in a soybean variety. S53-34, like other soybean genotypes with imperfect black hilum color, may under some environmental conditions exhibit a range of variation in hilum color from light brown to imperfect black (grey appearance).

EXHIBIT B**Novelty Statement for Soybean Variety S53-34**

Soybean variety S53-34 is most similar to Essex. It can be differentiated from Essex on the basis of reaction to Race 3 of Phytophthora megasperma. S53-34 is resistant while Essex is susceptible.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION B011005	VARIETY NAME S53-34
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440 Attention: Robert W. Romig		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8700129

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)

3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)

4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a)

2 = Type B (SP1^b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 2

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')

3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 3

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')

3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 1

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')

3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 1

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 8

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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☐Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

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☐ 1Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

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☐Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

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☐Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

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☐

Race 1

☐

Race 2

☐

Race 3

☐

Race 4

☐

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)☐Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

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☐Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
- ☐ Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ Race 1 ☐ Race 2 ☐ Race 3 ☐ Race 4 ☐ Race 5 ☐ Race 6 ☐ Race 7
- ☐ Race 8 ☐ Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☐ Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☐ Race 1 ☐ Race 2 ☐ Race 3 ☐ Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____
- ☐ Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	Essex	Seed Coat Luster	Corsoy
Leaf Shape	Essex	Seed Size	Essex
Leaf Color	Essex	Seed Shape	Essex
Leaf Size	Essex	Seedling Pigmentation	Essex

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	144	1.7	74			44.6	17.3	15.0	2-3
Essex Name of Similar Variety	143	1.7	71			(S59-19) 43.0	(S59-19) 18.9	14.9	2-3

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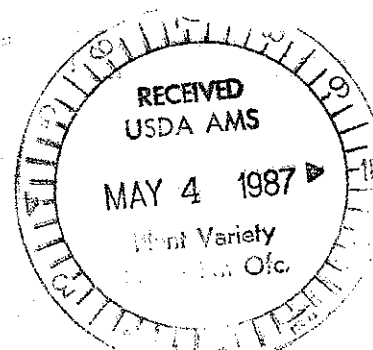


EXHIBIT D**Additional Description of Soybean Variety S53-34**

Soybean variety S53-34 is an early Group V cultivar maturing slightly later than Essex. It exhibits long hypocotyl reaction when grown in 4.5 inches of sand at 77°F for 14 days. It has the Rps 1-C gene for resistance to Races 1-3, 6-10 of Phytophthora megasperma. It has normal tolerance to metribuzin herbicide.

EXHIBIT E**Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership**

Soybean variety S53-34 was developed by the Northrup King Co. soybean breeding staff from germplasm sources cited in Exhibit A of this application. Northrup King Co. believes that the variety is novel as defined in the Plant Variety Protection Act and, therefore, that Northrup King is the sole owner of the variety.